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REISSUE APPLICATION 09/008,241

Preliminary amendment A (paper #4, received 11-6-1998) added new claims 46 and 47. Preliminary amendment B (paper #6, received 12-17-1999) was originally attached to the Information Disclosure Statement (paper #5, received 12-17-1999). Paper #6 amended claims 1, 17, 45, 47, 48, and 50-53, but did not contain a new claim 49. Both amendments failed to comply with 37 C.F.R §1.173. No other amendments have been received by the PTO.

Applicant should respond to the last office action with an amendment in full compliance with 37 C.F.R §1.173. All reissue amendments must be made with respect to the original patent claims, and not with respect to the last filed reissue amendment. New limitations added to original patent claims must be underlined, and matter to be omitted by reissue must be enclosed in brackets. Applicant should resubmit new claims 46-53 underlined in their entirety, as claims 46-53 are new claims with respect to the original patent.

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